

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A fluorocopolymer which consists essentially of (a) polymerized units based on tetrafluoroethylene and/or chlorotrifluoroethylene, (b) polymerized units based on a fluorinated monomer, excluding tetrafluoroethylene and chlorotrifluoroethylene, and (c) polymerized units based on at least one member selected from the group consisting of itaconic acid, itaconic anhydride, citraconic acid and citraconic anhydride, wherein (a) is from 50 to 99.8 mol%, (b) is from 0.1 to 80 mol%, and (c) is from 0.01 to 5 mol%, based on (a)+(b)+(c), and which has a volume flow rate of from 0.1 to 1000 mm<sup>3</sup>/sec.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The fluorocopolymer according to Claim 1, which further contains (d) polymerized units based on a non-fluorinated monomer, wherein the molar ratio of (a)+(b)+(c)/(d) is from 100/5 to 100/90.

Claim 3 (Original): An article which comprises a substrate and a layer of the fluorocopolymer as defined in Claim 1 formed on the surface of the substrate.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The article according to Claim 3, which is a laminate wherein said layer of the fluorocopolymer and a layer of a synthetic resin other than said fluorocopolymer are directly laminated, provided that a multi-layer laminate hose having a fluorocopolymer layer and a polyamide resin layer directly laminated thereto, is excluded.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A laminate which comprises a layer of the fluorocopolymer as defined in Claim 1 and a layer of a polyamide are directly laminated,

provided that a multi-layer laminate hose having a fluorocopolymer layer and a polyamide resin layer directly laminated thereto, is excluded.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The fluorocopolymer according to Claim 1, wherein the fluorinated monomer is at least one member selected from the group consisting of vinylidene fluoride, hexafluoroethylene,  $\text{CF}_2=\text{CFOR}^1$ , wherein  $\text{R}^1$  is a  $\text{C}_{1-10}$  perfluoroalkyl group which may contain an oxygen atom and  $\text{CH}_2=\text{CX}^3(\text{CF}_2)_Q\text{X}^4$ , wherein  $\text{X}^3$  is a hydrogen atom or a fluorine atom,  $Q$  is an integer of from 2 to 10, and  $\text{X}^4$  is a hydrogen atom or a fluorine atom.

Claim 7 (Original): The fluorocopolymer according to Claim 6, wherein said  $\text{CF}_2=\text{CFOR}^1$  is  $\text{CF}_2=\text{CFOCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_3$ .

Claim 8 (Original): The fluorocopolymer according to Claim 6, wherein said  $\text{CH}_2=\text{CX}^3(\text{CF}_2)_Q\text{X}^4$  is  $\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{F}$  or  $\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}(\text{CF}_2)_4\text{F}$ .

Claim 9 (Original): The fluorocopolymer according to Claim 2, wherein the non-fluorinated monomer is ethylene.

Claim 10 (Original): The fluorocopolymer according to Claim 1, wherein (a) is from 50 to 98 mol%, (b) is from 1 to 50 mol%, and (c) is from 0.1 to 2 mol%.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The fluorocopolymer according to Claim 2, wherein the molar ratio of (a)+(b)+(c)/(d) is from 100/10 to 100/65.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The fluorocopolymer according to Claim 1, wherein said fluorinated monomer is vinylidene fluoride, hexafluoropropylene,  $\text{CF}_2=\text{CFOCF}_2\text{CF}_3$ ,  $\text{CF}_2=\text{CFOCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_3$ ,  $\text{CF}_2=\text{CFOCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_3$ ,  $\text{CF}_2=\text{CFO}(\text{CF}_2)_8\text{F}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{F}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}(\text{CF}_2)_3\text{F}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}(\text{CF}_2)_4\text{F}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2=\text{CF}(\text{CF}_2)_3\text{H}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2=\text{CF}(\text{CF}_2)_4\text{H}$ , or perfluoro(2-methylene-4-methyl-1,3-dioxolane).

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The fluorocopolymer according to Claim 1, wherein the monomer in (c) is itaconic anhydride or citraconic anhydride.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The fluorocopolymer according to Claim 2, wherein said non-fluorinated monomer is ethyl vinyl ether, cyclohexyl vinyl ether, ethylene, propylene or vinyl acetate.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The fluorocopolymer according to Claim 1, wherein the volume flow rate is from 10 to 200  $\text{mm}^3/\text{sec}$ .

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The article according to Claim 3, wherein the substrate is a synthetic resin, metal, glass or ceramic.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The article according to Claim 3, wherein the synthetic resin is polyamide 12 or polybutylene naphthalate.